

YOUTH APPRENTICE STUDENT CRITERIA

To be eligible to participate in a Youth Apprenticeship/Work-based Learning (YA/WBL) program, a student must

- be between 16 to 21 years of age,
- enter the youth apprenticeship program before entering the 11th grade,
- have a three- to five-year career plan that includes high school, postsecondary education, and training,
- agree to a three- to five-year apprenticeship program,
- experience work in a chosen occupational cluster, from a broad perspective down to a specific occupation,
- in addition to a high school diploma, obtain certification in his/her occupation **and** a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree **and/or** a journeyman license.

A student participating in a YA/WBL may be classified in one of the following three categories:

- Secondary—a high school student age 16-21 who is participating in an approved YA/WBL program. The student must have a Program of Study signed by the instructor, student, and parent **and** a Structured Work-based Learning Plan signed by the instructor, employer, and student on file.
- Postsecondary—a student who has matriculated from the secondary program to a postsecondary school and/or traditional apprenticeship program that is an extension of the student's approved secondary YA/WBL program and who has received articulated postsecondary course credit.
- Completer—a student who has completed an associate degree, certificate, and/or traditional apprenticeship.